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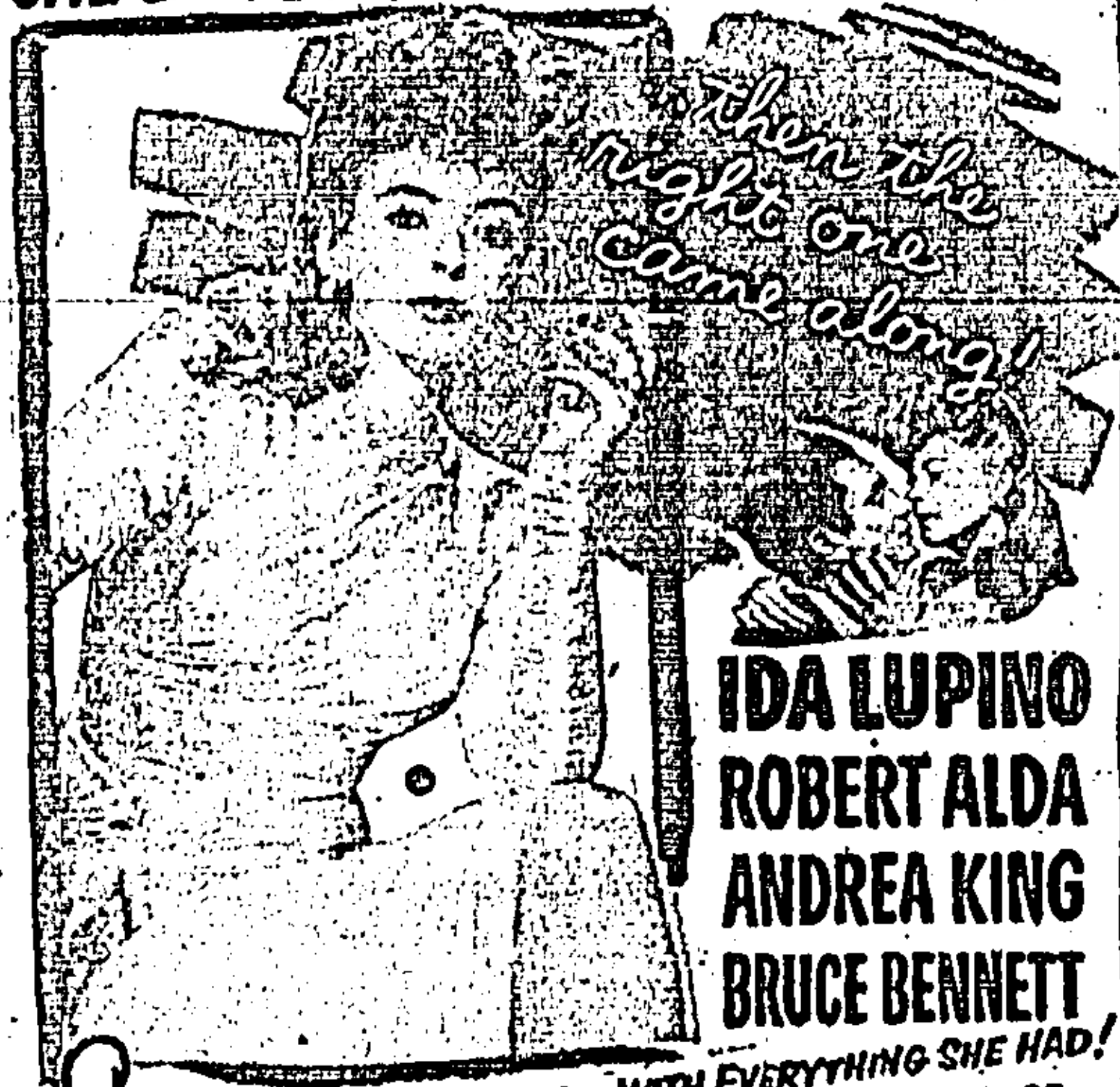
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COMMENCING TO-MORROW: "OUTLAW"

# THE ART OF LAUGHTER

BY TED CAVANAGH

the man who created ITMA, and  
who has written the script for it  
week by week for the past eight years



Making people laugh is an art, not a science. You have to learn how to do it by experience, by guesswork, by trial and error.

There are no laws that govern it, there are only empirical generalisations. You are dealing all the time with responses so unpredictable that the most experienced practitioner can never be altogether sure.

One man's mirth is another man's poison. A jest that will set a West End audience in a roar will fall completely flat in Shepherd's Bush. There is a vast difference between the humour of two adjoining counties—Yorkshire and Lancashire. There are class differences in humour, regional differences, variations as between Englishmen and Scotsmen, between Britons and Americans.

There are well-marked differences between what men find funny and what women find funny. (I do not say that women have no sense of humour; but I know from experience that women are hurt or puzzled or bored by humour that men find irresistibly funny. Knockabout comedy, for example, amuses most men but very few women).

## Why men laugh

LET me venture cautiously on a few generalisations.

Generalisation No. 1 is this: The common factor in all humour is a sense of superiority. That 17th century philosopher Hobbes got very near to the root of the matter when he defined laughter as a sense of sudden glory.

When you see someone slip on a banana skin, when you see someone receive a custard pie in his face, when you see dignity discomfited by impudence—you laugh because you feel a sense of superiority.

This sort of humour can be kindly or not. You can laugh either at the victim or with him.

Most Englishmen (and nearly all Englishwomen) prefer to laugh with rather than at. They do not much like cruelty in their humour.

By Englishmen I include the Scots and the Welsh. I do not include the Irish, who like their laughter to have a large dash of mockery in it.

English (all right then—British) humour is on the whole kindly.

FOR the past 30 years or so I have spent most of my time in trying to make people laugh. The amount of material that I have written for stage and radio comedians must now total, I suppose, several millions of words.

Eight years of writing ITMA week by week themselves amount to a respectable aggregate—in quantity, if not in quality—and it appeared that more laughs were scored by the 256th edition than by the first.

I say this not at all out of vainglory. (I can think, easily enough, of better ways of occupying myself). But I suppose it allows me to assert that I do not yet know the rules governing laughter; it is certainly not through lack of application.

Are there any rules?

There are; but they are all rules of thumb.



"WHOA, hold it, hold it—give psychology one more chance!"

## Two brothers make £3,000,000 in a year

by BERNARD BARRERS

TO the brothers Oscar and Max Kleemann, 30 was a notable anniversary. For, since that June day a year ago, their family fortunes have risen by almost £3,000,000.

Few people in the City paid much attention last June when dealings started on the London Stock Exchange in the 2s. shares of O. and M. Kleemann, Ltd., at 22s. 3d.

To them it was just another plastics business. But they soon sat up and took notice. These Kleemann shares boomed as few shares had ever boomed before. Within three weeks they had doubled in value. They went on with hardly a pause to break through the £5 mark.

Then the directors decided to split each 2s. share into two shares of 1s. each. Today, those 1s. shares are worth 56s. each, equal to £5 12s. for the shares which stood at just over £1 last June.

### They won't sell

The Kleemanns hold between them 1,300,000 shares, now worth about £3,640,000.

Oscar and his sons, Jack and Derrick, both of whom are directors of the business, have 650,000, and a similar number is owned by Max on his own account or in trust for his son and daughter.

Despite the astonishing rise in value none of the Kleemann family has sold a single share. Nor do they intend to sell any.

In 1905 Oscar, then 23, had £30 and plenty of ambition. He rented a room in Redcross-street, in the Cripplegate district of London and set up in business as an importer of hair slides and combs from Gynanx in France.

It was wholly a one-man business. Oscar did all the buying and selling himself. Then, two years later, he was joined by his younger brother, Max, who, like himself, had no money but lots of drive.

Gradually the brothers widened the base of the business. They did a big trade in toys from Germany, bought fancy goods and electrical equipment from Japan, toilet requisites and glassware from Czechoslovakia.

### Huge turnover

But what made the name Kleemann talked about in London was the firm's huge business in imitation pearl necklaces. These were imported by the million and retailed at 3d. and 6d. each.

At one time Kleemann's turnover in "pearls" soared to between £150,000 and £200,000 a year. And they had a profitable trade, too, in imitation jewellery from Czechoslovakia.

The brothers' prosperity increased steadily until the 1930s, when political disturbances abroad and import duties began to cloud their prospects.

"Why shouldn't we make the stuff in this country instead of importing it?" they asked themselves.

On the way home from Japan Max was shown some combs, which he admired. He was still more interested when he was told that they had been made on a machine "which turned them out like sausages."

### Took a risk

The combs were made from plastic on an injection moulding machine. The description of the machine meant nothing to Max, but when he arrived in London he talked it over with Oscar.

"They decided to risk £2,000 in importing two of the machines from the United States."

The machines were installed in a miniature factory in Welwyn Garden City, and on May 26, 1939, the Kleemann brothers started making their first plastic combs.

When war came, the machines were at work. Now came the new problem. "What about the raw material?"

Oscar did not hesitate. He decided that the firm must undertake the tricky job of making the cellulose acetate moulding powders it needed.

The plant was bought and installed at Welwyn. But it produced the material for few combs. Nearly all its output was needed to make components ordered by Government departments for the war effort.

### Output leaped

When the war ended the Government encouraged the company to extend its activities in one of the development areas.

So it established a big factory at Ayelife, near Darlington, and its output leaped more than five times. Not content with doing more than 1,000,000 combs a week and large quantities of other articles, Kleemanns are selling raw materials to overseas markets and also to the makers in France from whom they bought their first goods.

The one-time tiny enterprise now claims to have more large size injection moulding machines at work than any firm in Europe.

From £30 in 1905 the value of the business, based on the quotation for its shares, has soared to £5,600,000.

If you ask Oscar the secret of success he will tell you, "Hard work. That's all."

Work, in fact, is Oscar's only hobby.

only of other husbands, never of himself.

A pendant to this fact is the universal popularity of the mother-in-law joke—it never fails. The reason is—and I say it against all opposition—that most men like and admire their own mothers-in-law. In her they see what their own wives will be like later on. The comedian would say, of course, that they are merely only trying to laugh it off—but then comedians must have their jokes.

## The comic husband

IF husbands ceased to be funny the gaiety of nations would go out like a candle, and persons like myself would go out of business. Fortunately, there is no danger of either.

The laughter-provoking qualities of the Married Man can be made both visual and audible. There are not so very many jests of which this is true. It may be that with the coming development of television the need for exclusively audible humour will pass. But the last two decades of broadcasting have made audible humour flourish as never before.

The limitations on exclusively audible humour are severe. Without visual aid the comedian has to exploit every nuance of his voice, and the man who provides the material must explore the furthest recesses of the verbally incongruous. It is because of this, I think, that radio humour has exploited (and continues to exploit) the art of the catchword.

## Catchphrases

THE Englishman has a well-marked weakness for the comic catchword. In our humour, as in other matters, we prefer the familiar to the unusual. And the Victorian music-hall comedian founded himself very largely on this fact.

You could almost write the history of the Victorian music-hall in terms of its catchwords. We don't want to fight. Get your hair cut. What ho, she bumps. Have a banana. The list is not complete, but any middle-aged Londoner can go on adding to it.

The catchphrase is, I think, as much a part of English humour as the kindly sense of superiority. It provides the collective element, the feeling of a shared joke, the touch of human nature that makes all men kin. A catchphrase has become something that you enjoy in common with everybody else who listens to the radio.

But if there is any formula for the creation of successful catchphrases, I have been unable to discover it. Like all other jests, they have to be found simply by trial and error.

The most accurate analysis of all these matters, so far as I know has been made by Harold Nicolson in his essay *The English Sense of Humour*. It is an admirable scrutiny—witty, penetrating and scholarly. Perhaps I may sum up the art of laughter by quoting what Mr. Nicolson has to say about a radio show that features a comedian called Handley:

"It is packed with descending incongruities, denials of expectation, releases from constraint; it exploits the naïve-comic, all forms of rigidity or pretension, self-importance and professionalism."

There you have—in language more formal than I would venture to use myself—exactly what I understand by the art of laughter.

## Why women laugh

IF I had to write a script for a performance to be given to an audience of women only I would base myself on the jest that every woman enjoys—the jest at the expense of masculine stupidity.

It has been discovered experimentally that you can draw laughter from an audience anywhere in the world, of any class or race, simply by walking on to a stage and uttering the words "I am a married man."

Husbands are intrinsically comic. Aristophanes knew that as well as any contemporary writer of revues or film scripts. The essential absurdity of husbands, their childlike vanity, their universal willingness to be imposed on by their wives, their infinite capacity for being duped, gulled, hoodwinked, persuaded against their inclinations—these are the basic stuff of laughter.

It is a jest that every woman shares with every other woman—and that every man appreciates because he supposes that it is true.

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

### Getting organised

STAUNTON FARRAGOE—"lucky Staunton" to the City—stood to win four or five million, or lose his entire fortune.

Yet, intent as he was on the deal, he had time, as he sat tensely at his office desk, to ring up Nimblesby and order the head gardener to send five hundred roses by car to Kensington. "It isn't decent," said Mrs. Wicker, the two chauffeurs blocked her hall with the flowers. "Very useful for counteracting the reel of cabbage," commented Lynette cynically. "You are ungrateful," snapped her mother. "Do you expect me to wear them all?" asked the girl wearily. And at that moment Paul Treason, the struggling poet, as poor as a church mouse, called with a small bunch of primroses. With a pang Lynette realised that this humble offering touched her heart, and that this was the man she loved!

THE plan to make Sussex a satellite county, and to evict all its inhabitants to Kent, is being stoutly opposed by the War Office, which has earmarked both counties for a training area.

"To get over this difficulty," to quote an official, "the millions of foreign tourists expected next summer will be diverted to recently seized bird sanctuaries, where a holiday camp will be opened for them since all hotels are needed by the Government."

If, however, these bird sanctuaries are needed for rocket-ranges, landing-grounds or dog-racks, Hampshire, Dorsetshire and Wiltshire will be nationalised as a Planners' Zone.

### Office conversation

Suet: Miss Kipper, what are all these units of multiple registration doing in the basket?

Miss K.: Miss Sudders thought they should be left until the other cupcake tins came in.

Suet: Have they been up and down yet?

Miss K.: No, sir. Mrs. Scowle has those, ready to return.

Suet: Return where?

Miss K.: To Miss Frazer, for interim registration pending circulation to sections S. V. M. and R.

Suet: Very well. Send them back as soon as the others come in.

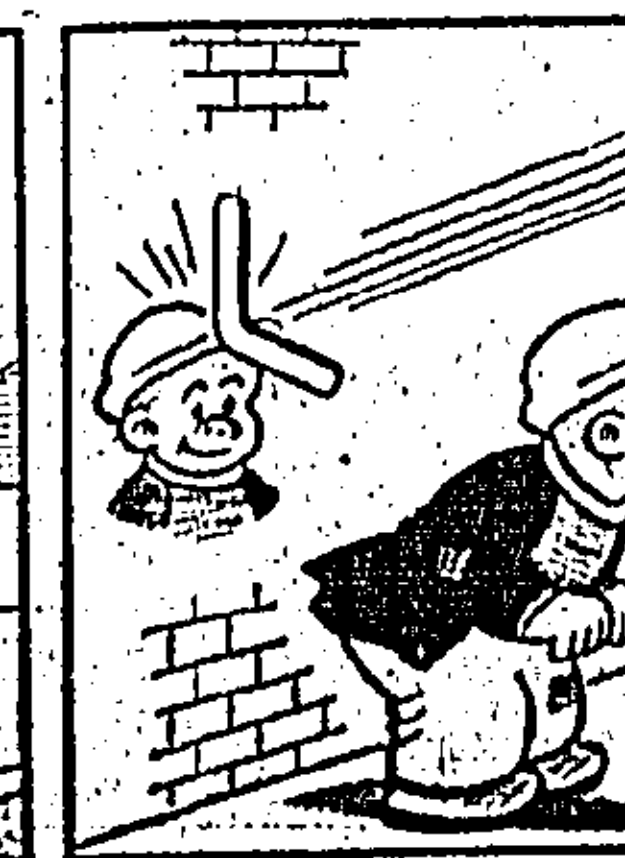
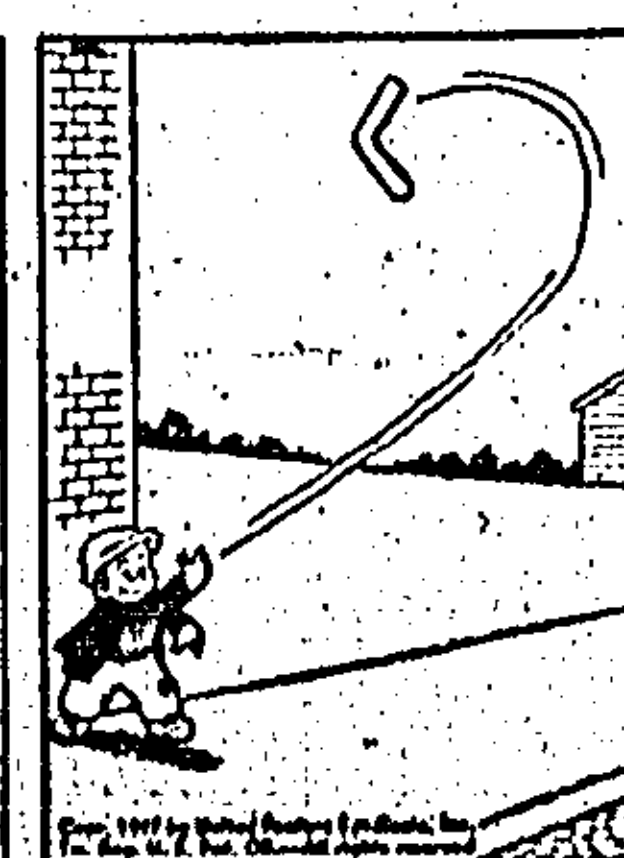
Miss K.: Which ones, sir?

Suet: Both.

### Song from "Sordello"

A man with a face like a horse  
Eroke into a mansion by force,  
They gave him some hay,  
And sent him away.  
Saying, "This isn't Plumptre,  
of course!" (Browning.)

## NANCY Stand-in

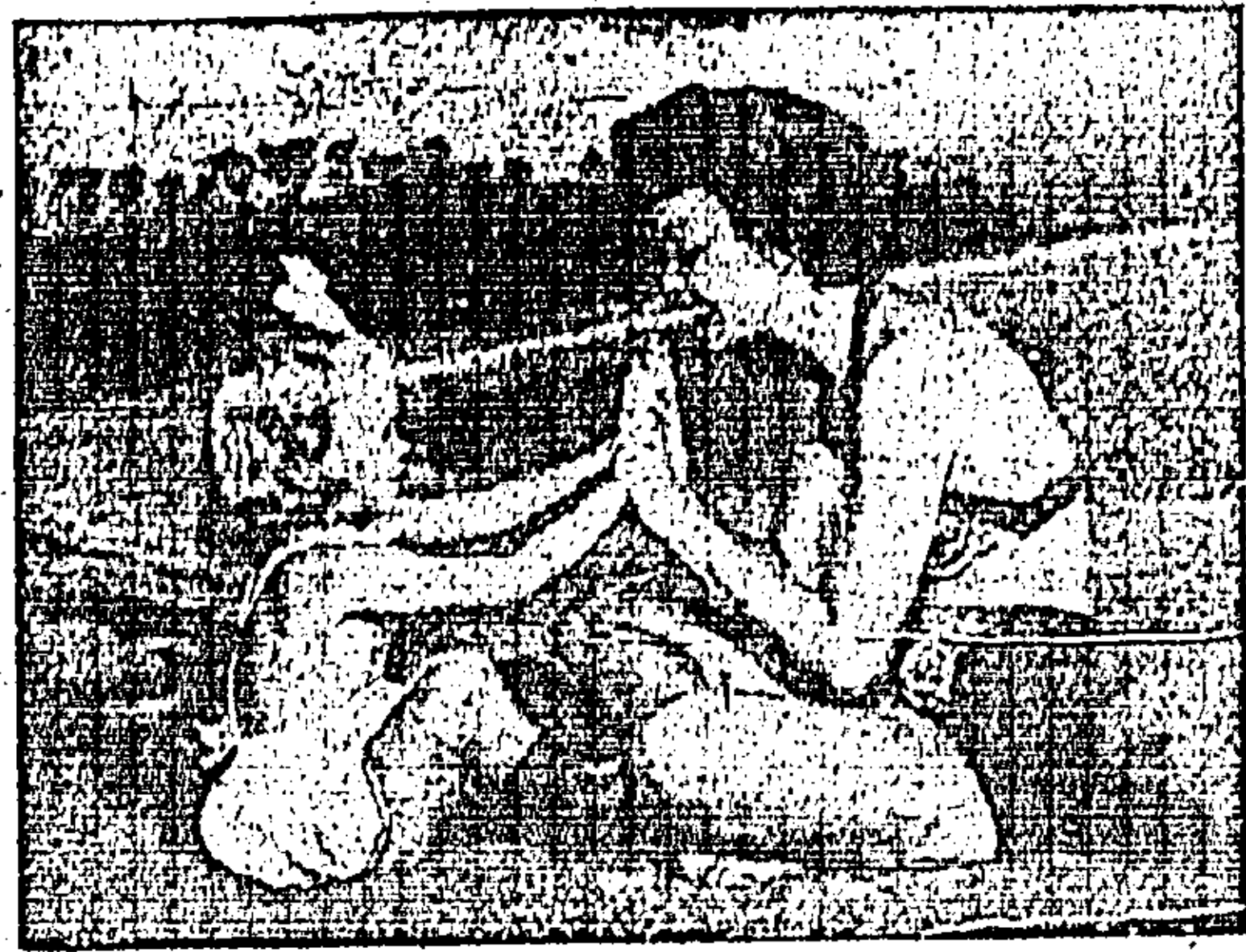


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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Jane Wyman for Lois Leeds.

Try out these Glamour Tips given to you by Lois Leeds.

### STAR SHINE!

Jane Wyman looks her sunbathed right along with her little daughter. And she makes a gay time of their sunbaths. This would be a good idea for you to try out.

Glamour Tip! White coats top off a last year's basic black dress, giving just the touch of Glamour to make you feel well dressed. Wide pleated poplins of black taffeta can be worn with the apron. Black is smart with anything.

Straw earrings! Let again the Glamour hat of this year and they wear earrings of plain ribbon. They clothes are just as functional as ever but twice as feminine. Women have gotten fed up with the plain, ugly clothes for sports. Ruffled shorts will never spell a game.

Home Glamour! Sheets and pillow cases made of cotton, sprinkled with Rose designs make any woman want to be a Sleeping Beauty! And if you are a Sleeping Beauty it follows that you will be a waking beauty. One pretty girl whom I know wears Pink lipstick to

match her flower-laden sheets! Nice idea.

Hormones! Yes, creams really do contain certain hormone elements and there is no cream that can do a better job for the overly dry or aging skin. There are many such creams, in the cosmetic counters now. Look them over carefully, choose wisely and use them for a real effect.

## DRESSES BARE HIPS

A barely veiled hipline recently made its appearance on the New York fashion stage, but its design was modest enough that not an eyebrow was raised.

The new transparency turned up in evening dresses with black lace and net from waist to knee over flesh-colored slips.

Black taffeta was interspersed with large-patterned black lace on the first hip-baring dress. The flesh-colored slip was slim beneath a wide skirt whose taffeta hem rustled from knee down. The top of the dress carried a lovely off-shoulder yoke of taffeta, if one was lacking.

Another black dance dress used not for its thigh-line interest—inset in diamond clipped bands between the solid stripes for a long, lithe hipline. This came with a wide shouldered ace-of-spades neckline also filled in with black net—over real flesh.

Other evening dresses circled the hips with semi-transparent bandings. One transparent hip band was almost covered with tiny black taffeta flowers. The bustline of the dress matched the hips.

Another carried triple bandings over the side of each hip over pink stuff.

These ladies will be wearing these, their designer predicted, at diplomatic functions this autumn. United Press.

## NAZIS SPIRITED OUT OF AUSTRIA

A powerful underground organization is getting leading Nazis out of Austria—with a view to a Nazi comeback. No other explanation is possible for the series of "escapes" during the past few weeks of important Nazi prisoners awaiting trial for their lives, says a Daily Mail correspondent.

## TIGER SKIN TRADE IS HARD HIT

Business in tiger and leopard skins, which before the war was one of Singapore's smaller and more picturesque industries, is at the moment hard hit by the uncertainty both of supply and demand, although a small local demand still continues.

A year ago Chinese importers were taking large regular shipments, but since then inquiries have fallen off, and the skin curers and dealers in Singapore find their main task at the moment is regulating supplies coming in, reports the Sunday Times (Singapore).

On the average today one of the main Singapore firms dealing in tiger and leopard skins is selling about ten skins a month, which shows a decrease over figures before the war when tourists were good customers.

Because of this smaller volume of sales imports have not yet reached a pre-war figure. The biggest shipment in one month recently was 40 skins leopard and tiger skins towards the end of last year.

These included some from seven-foot man-eating tigers trapped in the more remote parts of Siam, where the natives, after killing the beasts, eat the flesh and exchange the skins for goods with enterprising Chinese traders.

The price of skins varies a good deal with size and quality. A good tiger skin will fetch \$50, (Straits), while an ordinary leopard skin brings only \$25. Both these figures are about double what they were before the war.

Some of the skins are bought as ornamental rugs, when they fetch higher prices because of the care needed in preparing them, but most are made in bags, belts and even shoes.

The claws are bought by some Indians to wear as charms, and the bones are considered by some Chinese physicians to be good cures for ailments like rheumatism.

## World's Oldest Postage Stamp

A tiny rectangle of paper, supposedly the world's oldest postage stamp, has been rediscovered in the small Italian Adriatic coastal town of Cerignola. It was purchased for a "considerable amount" by agents of Louis Massabo de Villars, a Mexican philatelist.

The ancient stamp bears no date mark, but was attached to a letter written on March 22, 1800, in which an Aleppo merchant gave secret information to the "Mogor cent Messer Leonardo" Count of Venice about Napoleon's plans for the conquest of Rome.

More than 34 years older than the world's recognised oldest postal stamp—the British one-penny edition of May 6, 1840—the Aleppo stamp carries no indication of national origin, but only the legend "Genoa Cadiz Post" and a figure representing the Virgin and Child. Its expressed value is one "patacca," an old and long valueless Portuguese coin.

Hidden through two world wars, the Aleppo stamp narrowly missed being lost when the liner Titanic sank off Newfoundland after striking an iceberg in 1912. An American agent had intended to buy the stamp and ship it on the Titanic, but called off the transaction when suddenly ordered home by his firm.

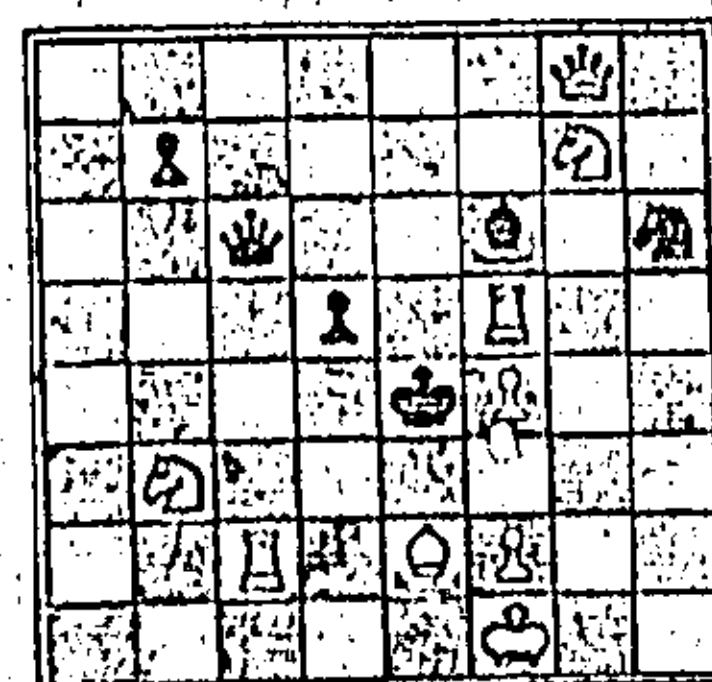
## Million Dollar Singapore Show

Goods worth over \$1,000,000 (Straits) are to be displayed in the trade exhibition at Singapore, which will take place from August 1 to 17.

The goods will range from motor cars, bicycles, furniture and radios to flowers and poultry, and can be bought outright by the public.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By S. F. E. FLATAU  
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
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## INDO-CHINA TRAIN MASSACRE

Paris, July 16. The Agence France Presse, in a dispatch from Saigon, said today that about 40 passengers on the Saigon-Phan-Thiet train were massacred by Viet Nam rebels.

An unspecified number of other persons was injured before French troops, rushing to the aid of the travellers, drove the rebels off, the dispatch said.—United Press.

## Marshall Wants More Ruhr Coal

Washington, July 16. While the Secretary of State, General George Marshall, declared here today that the United States Government "very urgently desires an increase" in the Ruhr coal production, British authorities in Berlin stated that the expected announcement of the Anglo-American agreement for raising the permitted level of German steel output had been postponed indefinitely.

General Marshall, addressing press conferences, said that an increase of Ruhr coal production was the fundamental basis of the European reconstruction plan now being worked out in Paris.

While he stressed the "great importance" which he attaches to the Ruhr as being the centre for raw material needed for the rehabilitation of Europe, he insisted that he did not want anything done now that would cast doubt on the fact that the initiative, as far as the Marshall Plan was concerned at this time, was clearly up to Europe.

According to a Reuters cable from London, no date was known as yet having been set for the coal discussions, but it was confirmed that Sir William Strang, the British political adviser in Germany, would head the delegation to Washington when the discussions start.

Sir William Strang will be accompanied by Lt.-Gen. Sir Brian Robertson, Deputy Military Governor, and other officials.

The United States determination that Germany help in Europe's economic recovery was stressed in Paris today by Mr. Averell Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, who arrived there from Rome on his way to the United States, a Reuters cable reported from the French capital.

Asserting that the United States policy to Germany had not been modified by the new instructions issued yesterday to General Lucius Clay, the United States Zone Commander, Mr. Harriman added: "The United States has no intention of giving Germany priority in the economic recovery of Europe. We are not giving it priority, but we do intend that Germany shall do its share in the economic recovery of Europe."—Reuters.

## STERLING'S STATUS FURTHER CLARIFIED

BY SYDNEY CAMPBELL  
Reuter's Financial Editor.

London, July 16.

A further authoritative clarification of sterling's new status was available here today.

"Convertibility" is a misnomer, Britain has undertaken to make sterling available for payments but has not undertaken to convert it into dollars, gold or anything else.

Overseas central banks are entitled to use their transferable sterling anywhere in the world, but private citizens can do so only through their central banks.

Convertibility into dollars can be exercised only by Americans, who ultimately receive sterling for United States exports. This occurs because the Bank of England buys and will continue to buy any sterling offered in New York at 4.0275 dollars but this is only a British policy, not an obligation.

Relatively little transferable sterling is likely to go to New York for conversion. Overseas countries must hold some to finance their future imports.

### NOTICE

#### TUSITALA CLUB

Get-together of members on Saturday 19th from 6-10 p.m. at Club premises. Send names to Mrs. Hui (Maggie) not later 17th at Club premises 6 p.m. Guests welcomed.

### DEATH

RAILTON.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Hong Kong, on July 16, 1947, Norman Leslie Howard Ralton, Funeral service at 4.30 p.m. today. Service in the Chapel at 4.45 p.m.

## Communist Charges Against Marshall Plan Denied By Harriman

Paris, July 16.

The United States is exporting wheat and coal to shattered Europe "over and above its reasonable capacity," Mr. W. Averell Harriman, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, said here today.

## Immigrants Say Ship Was Filthy

Brisbane, July 16.

Passengers who arrived from Shanghai today in the steamship Halekuala said that they had travelled in filthy and unhygienic conditions.

The ship, for which Lloyd's gives an official tonnage of 3,070 tons, brought 170 immigrants including Jews, Spaniards and stateless refugees and seven Australian and American passengers including John Marshall, a former field representative of the United States War Shipping Administration.

The passengers described the ship in a signed statement as "the most barefaced ramp ever to be foisted on the public and on foreign refugees who are trying to rehabilitate their lives."

The statement declared that in one compartment measuring 70 by 30 feet, 48 men, women and children lived without privacy. Each of them was charged £80 and 10 shillings for the trip.

The master of the vessel, Captain J. J. Quinn, said that the accommodation was shown to passengers in Shanghai and they accepted it for what it was worth.

According to Lloyd's Register, the ship is owned by the Inter-Island Steamship Navigation Company and the port of registration is given as Honolulu.—Associated Press.

## Cape Town's Gift To Princess

Cape Town, July 16.

Cape Town is to give Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten a wedding present. It was announced in Cape Town today.

The Mayor, A. B. Bloembergen, is opening a fund of a shilling and upwards and every contributor will have his name on a parchment to go with the present.

It has been suggested that the gift should be a stinkwood suite, but no final decision has been taken.—Associated Press.

## INDIAN-FRENCH AIR AGREEMENT

New Delhi, July 16.

India and France signed a bilateral air agreement today along the lines of those recently made with the United States and the Netherlands.

In return for routes through India to Burma, Siam, Indo-China and China or through India to the Middle East, India is given the right to fly routes via French points in North Africa, Madagascar and Paris and through Indo-China.—Associated Press.

## OCEAN FLOOR STUDY

Woodhole, Mass., July 16.

A scientific expedition is en route to study the mid-Atlantic Ridge—a rugged mountain range on the ocean floor believed to have been left when the Americas separated from Europe and Asia.

The equipment includes tubes to shoot into the ocean floor to obtain core specimens, a sonic device to measure the depth of mud deposits and submarine cameras.

The ridge, which rises two miles above the ocean floor, runs from Iceland to the Antarctic.

The expedition will attempt to chart the underwater mountain ranges and determine the age of the ridge.—United Press.

### Deepest Wrinkle

Washington, July 16.

The Hydrographic Office of the United States Navy today published a chart of the world's most rugged ocean bottom—a stretch between Korea and New Guinea—based partly on soundings taken by United States warships in wartime.

The chart shows that the deepest wrinkle is a 40,000-foot difference in elevation between the bottom of the Mindanao trench and the tops of the highest mountains in eastern Philippines.—United Press.

## Mine Explosions

Kill 1, Injure 16

Jerusalem, July 17.

At least a dozen British soldiers were wounded, some seriously, in the detonation of two road mines on the outskirts of Jerusalem on Wednesday night. One soldier was killed and four others were wounded near Patah Tikvah.

The explosions outside Jerusalem occurred almost simultaneously with a statement delivered to Jerusalem newspapers by Irgun Zvai Leumi, Jewish underground organization in which the resistance group "took the responsibility for acts committed this evening which were intended to relieve Nathanya from the siege."

Nathanya, the Palestine diamond centre, and the surrounding area have been put under military rule to prevent further acts of terrorism. British sergeants held as hostages for three condemned members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi.—Associated Press.



"The first thing on the agenda is to send some postcards so they'll get back home before we do."

## Questions On Ceylon Political Offenders

London, July 16.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, told Mr. D. N. Pritt, Independent Labour member, in the House of Commons today that in the absence of any specific recommendation from the Governor of Ceylon, he did not propose to take any action to secure that political offenders in Ceylon were eligible for election to the new legislature.

## Efforts To End War In Indonesia

Batavia, July 16.

No decision was taken by the Republican Cabinet at Jogjakarta today on proposals put forward by the Netherlands Indies Lieutenant Governor-General, Dr. Hubertus van Mook, with respect to a joint gendarmic and cessation of hostilities.

This was reported by Anela's (Dutch news agency) special correspondent at Jogjakarta who flew there together with the ministers, and was confirmed by Vice Premier Seladji and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Tamiel, on their return to Batavia this afternoon.

A decision is expected tonight when the Cabinet meets again in the presence of the Forming Committee of the Republican Parliament. Premier Amir Sjarifoeddin is expected to bring the decision personally to Batavia tomorrow by special plane.—United Press.

### Major Dutch Concession

Jogjakarta, July 16.

The Indonesian Parliamentary Working Committee began the study of new Dutch proposals today for ending the undeclared war between the Indonesians and the Dutch.

First reports said that they met with cool reception. The committee went into session shortly after the plane bringing the Dutch proposals from Batavia touched down at the airport.

A few hours later Vice-Premier Seladji and Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Tamiel took off again for Batavia, reportedly to ask an extension of time to consider the Dutch proposition.

The Dutch programme is understood to be: 1. The Dutch recognise that the problem of internal security is the Republic's. This is a major concession by the Dutch. 2. Cessation of all fighting around demarcation lines. 3. The Indonesian police force will be under the interior government controls and special Dutch police units will be stationed in strategic points throughout Java for emergencies. 4. Abolition of the present demarcation lines.—United Press.

### Inspection By Gani

Batavia, July 16.

The Vice-Premier of the Republic, Dr. A. K. Gani, told the Dutch agency Anela today at Jogjakarta that he was travelling to Sumatra within a few days to inspect the situation at the demarcation lines.

He said other Republican officials would do the same in Java.—United Press.

## "Evita" Undecided About Paris

Paris, July 16.

Senator Fernandez, Nunez, first secretary of the Argentine Embassy, said today it is still not known definitely whether Senora Eva Peron will come to France.

Previously an official at the Embassy told United Press that Senora Peron was scheduled to arrive on July 21.

"Personally, I believe she will come, but she is not yet in a position to definitely announce a date of her arrival," Senora Nunez said.—United Press.

### TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

2.30 p.m. Hong Kong, broadcasting on a frequency of 94.5 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 6.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 6.32 megacycles in the 21 metre band from 12.30 to 1 p.m., 7.30 to 8.30 and 10.30 to 11 p.m.

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### OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, July 17

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Kongmoon, Macao, Tainan & Shekkl (Sea) 4 p.m.  
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Swatow, Amoy, Canton, Foochow and Shanghai (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Friday, July 18

Canton (Train) 7 a.m.  
Saloon (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Swatow (Sea) 11 a.m.  
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 1 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 2 p.m.  
Formosa via Keelung (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Shanghai (Sea) 2 p.m.  
Parcel only for Canada via Vancouver (B.C. Sea) 2.30 p.m.  
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Manila P.I. (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Macao, Tainan, Shekkl & Kongmoon (Sea) 3 p.m.

Bangkok, Saigon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bora, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Mauritius and London (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Singapore, Colombo, Surabaya, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Saloon only (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Japan (ordinary letters and cards only) (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Peiping (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Canton and Heliou (Air) 3.30 p.m.  
Canton (Train) 7 a.m.  
Manila P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Canton (Train) 10 a.m.  
Hainan (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Bangkok and Calcutta (Sea) 10 a.m.  
Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Amoy and Shanghai (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Ceylon (India) East and South Africa (Sea) 3 p.m.  
Europe via London (Sea) 3 p.m.  
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Canton, Kowloon, Kuning & Calcutta (Air) 3.30 p.m.

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## No Support For ITO Voting Revision

Geneva, July 16.

The United Kingdom move at the trade conference here to depart from the "one country one vote" principle in the forthcoming voting of International Trade Organisation conferences, and that extra weight be given to the vote of larger countries, failed to obtain the support of the Preparatory Committee today.

## NEW-BRITISH NOTE TO RUMANIA

London, July 16.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that the British Government was considering further measures in connection with the internal situation in Rumania.

The spokesman said the Foreign Office had already decided to dispatch a new note to the Rumanian Government, answering Rumanian allegations of Anglo-American interference into Rumanian legislation and administrative measures.

This allegation was included in the Rumanian note just received in London.

While Rumanian explanations of the reported arrest of the former Rumanian Prime Minister and Peasant leader, M. Julius Maniu, Mr. Corneli Binnu, London spokesman of M. Maniu's Rumanian National Peasant Party, said M. Maniu's arrest, if confirmed, was probably connected with an appeal from the peasant leader to the Western powers asking them to sever political and economic relations with the present regime in Rumania.—United Press.

The British Government, however, has received no confirmation of the reported arrest of the former Rumanian Prime Minister and Peasant leader, M. Julius Maniu, Mr. Corneli Binnu, London spokesman of M. Maniu's Rumanian National Peasant Party, said M. Maniu's arrest, if confirmed, was probably connected with an appeal from the peasant leader to the Western powers asking them to sever political and economic relations with the present regime in Rumania.—United Press.

## Indian Occupation Troops To Go

New Delhi, July 16.

The Government of India officially announced tonight its agreement to withdraw the entire Indian contingent with the Commonwealth Occupation Forces in Japan.—Associated Press.

The original solution suggested for voting in ITO conferences by the New York draft charter was that each member should have one vote.

The United Kingdom's view was that the provision was not satisfactory as far as actual operation of the ITO was concerned, since some of the smaller countries with the least trade could outvote the big countries with a great proportion of world trade. The United Kingdom thought weight should be dependent on external trade, national income, population and the percentage of trade to national income. According to this scheme, the United States, for instance, would have 300 votes, the United Kingdom 335, Russia 100, India 104, Brazil 120 and Cuba and Chile 115 votes.

Strong opposition came to the United Kingdom's proposal from most of the smaller countries, the Latin Americans and others, who were all insisting on the "one country one vote" rule being adhered to.

### Australia's Objection

Australia rejected the United Kingdom suggestion on the grounds that the obligations imposed on members would be equally difficult to carry out for participants and the benefits would proportionately not be different either.

Brazil cautioned that acceptance of the United Kingdom's proposal would change the minority into the majority because of the privileged vote. France also opposed it on the grounds that it would be contrary to the spirit of the Charter, while Cuba rejected the suggestion of a "prefabricated majority" because classification of nations according to certain economic ideas would divide the world into haves and have-nots.

Canada supported the proposal, while the United States reserved its decision, which was understood, depended on the ultimate shape of the Charter.

The question has been referred to a sub-committee for further consideration. There was support for a suggestion that the question be left for decision at the World Trade Conference in November.

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